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1. During the period from 5 March to 30 April 1953, Polish coal shipped from Gdynia to Buenos Aires on 13 merchant ships with 69,671 GRT included:

Serial Number	Ship's name	Flag	GRT	Remark
1	S.S. KEMIO	Finnish	4,474	Passed Holtensau with coal from Gdynia to Buenos Aires on 5 March 1953.
2	S.S. ARION	Panamanian	5,672	Left Gdynia with coal for Buenos Aires on 10 March 1953.
3	S.S. ARETE	Panamanian		Left Gdynia with coal for Buenos Aires on 21 March 1953.
4	S.S. CAPTAIN ANTONIS K.	Costa Rican	4,683	Left Gdynia with coal for Buenos Aires on 24 March, ran aground near Gedser on 25 March, and is under repair in Nyborg since 1 March.
5	S.S. RENERO	Argentinian	7,212	Left Gdynia for Buenos Aires on 26 March 1953 and Amsterdam on 5 April.
6	M.S. ARABIA	Finnish	4,240	Passed Holtensau with coal from Gdynia for Buenos Aires on 29 March 1953.
7	M.S. RIO CHICO	Argentinian	5,554	Passed Holtensau en route from Gdynia to Buenos Aires on 5 April 1953 and left Rotterdam on 17 April.
8	S.S. ANTILLEN	Argentinian	7,358	Passed Holtensau with coal from Gdynia to Buenos Aires on 10 April 1953, left Amsterdam on

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				17 April and Dunkirkian 22 April.
9	S.S. CARAMAR	Panamanian	5,670	Passed Holtenau with coal from Danzig to Buenos Aires on 13 April.
10	S.S. CORACERO	Argentinian	7,858	Passed Holtenau with coal from Danzig to Buenos Aires on 13 April 1953 and Liverpool on 22 April.
11	M.S. DICTO	Norwegian	5,263	Passed Holtenau with mixed cargo from Gdynia to Buenos Aires on 19 April 1953.
12	S.S. PROSPERO	Panamanian	5,055	Passed Holtenau with coal from Gdynia to Buenos Aires on 30 April 1953.
13	S.S. MARINERO	Argentinian	7,606	Passed Holtenau for Liverpool to take coal for Buenos Aires.

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Comment. All ships except M.S. DICTO carried coal to Argentina. It was first observed in 1953 that Polish coal shipments to Argentina had a considerable volume. It is interesting that five Argentinian merchant ships and no Polish ships were engaged in these shipments. Unconfirmed information available to West German shipping circles indicated that Argentina contracted with Poland for the delivery of 300,000 tons of coal. No information on return services by Argentina was available.

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